

22 June 2015

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Secretary **Commodity Futures Trading Commission** Three Lafayette Center 1155 21st St., N.W. Washington, DC 20581 **United States of America** 

Dear Ms. Jurgens,

#### **Self-certification of Amendments to SGX-DC Clearing Rules**

#### 1 Introduction

1.1 Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing Limited ("SGX-DC"), a derivatives clearing organisation ("DCO") registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), hereby submits a self-certification for amendments to its Clearing Rules (the "Amendments") pursuant to Commission regulation 40.6(a).

#### 2 **Intended Implementation Date**

2.1 The Amendments are proposed to be implemented in or after August 2015, but will not be implemented prior to the Commission's 10 business day review period.

#### 3 **Explanation and Analysis**

- 3.1 The Amendments are to facilitate SGX-DC's acceptance for clearing of the SGX Platts Iron Ore CFR China (Lump Premium) Swap contract (the "Contract") that is to be launched in or after August 2015.
- 3.2 In particular, the Amendments specify the methodology for the calculation of final settlement prices of the Contract in the SGX-DC Clearing Rules.



3.3 SGX-DC is registered as an approved clearing house under the Securities and Futures Act of Singapore and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS"). The Amendments are subject to the MAS' regulatory concurrence.

#### 4 Description of Amendments

- 4.1 Appendix 1 of the SGX-DC Clearing Rules would be amended as a result of the Amendments.
- 4.2 The text of the Amendments with the changes indicated is attached as Appendix 1.

### 5 Certification of Compliance with Core Principles

- 5.1 The Amendments have been promulgated in respect of SGX-DC's compliance with Core Principle E on settlement procedures and seek to provide clarity on the final settlement prices for the Contract.
- 5.2 SGX-DC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Amendments comply with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

### 6 Public Notice of Pending Certification

6.1 SGX-DC has made publicly available a notice of the Amendments' pending certification with the Commission, together with a copy of this submission on its website at http://www.sgx.com/wps/portal/sgxweb/home/regulation/consult pub/dco submissions.

# 7 Opposing Views

7.1 There were no opposing views expressed to SGX-DC by its board or committee members, SGX-DC Clearing Members or market participants that were not incorporated into the Amendments. If any opposing views are received by SGX-DC during the Commission's review period, such views will be communicated to the Commission accordingly.

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### 8 Contact Details

8.1 Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at wanting.wong@sgx.com or +65 6236 8205 should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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# Appendix 1

# **Text of the Amendments**

# **Appendix 1 – Final Settlement Price**

# **Iron Ore Swap Contracts**

Product	Iron Ore Swap
Contract	SGX Platts Iron Ore CFR China (Lump Premium) Swap
Final Settlement Price	Cash settlement using the arithmetic average of all Platts IO Spot Lump Premium 62.5% CFR China Index reference prices in the expiring contract month, rounded to 4 decimal places

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